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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

HANDLING OVERSIZED RINGS THROUGH RECURSIVE CALLS

Certain elements in the scan dump performed at system failure have become so large that a header field which indicates the size of the element is itself too small. Rather than increase the size of the field, affecting numerous other programs, the elements are broken down into smaller pieces by the write routine, which can recursively call itself.